



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON LOCAL
GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374-A
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012
<http://lgsc.lacounty.gov>**

Tuesday, May 6, 2014

9:30 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (14-2118)

Attachments: [AUDIO](#)

Present: Chairperson Mark Burman, 1st Vice Chairperson Bob Archuleta, 2nd Vice Chairperson Jess Talamantes, Commissioner Jules Bagneris III, Commissioner Andrew Friedman, Commissioner Rodrigo Guerra Jr., Commissioner Laurence M. Kaplan and Commissioner Barry Waite

Absent: Commissioner Andrew Westall

Excused: Commissioner Jesse Gabriel and Commissioner Tyler Kelley

Call to Order. (14-1836)

Chairperson Mark Burman called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m.

1st Vice Chairperson Bob Archuleta requested and led the Pledge of Allegiance in recognition of Veterans and Memorial Day.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

1. Approval of the Minutes of April 1, 2014. (14-1837)

On motion of 1st Vice Chairperson Bob Archuleta, seconded by Commissioner Rodrigo A. Guerra, Jr., and unanimously carried, the minutes of April 1, 2014 were approved.

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II. REPORTS

2. Chair's report on various items for the month of May 2014.

- Laura Herzog, Honoring Our Fallen (14-1838)

Ms. Laura Herzog, Founder and CEO of Honoring Our Fallen, a non-profit organization dedicated to serving the nations fallen and their families by providing comprehensive support was introduced by Chairperson Mark Burman.

Chairperson Mark Burman also welcomed newly appointed Commissioner, Laurence M. Kaplan. Commissioner Kaplan provided a short biography about himself.

3. Staff report on various items for the month of May 2014. (14-1839)

There was no staff report given.

III. PRESENTATION

4. Presentation on tow truck reform regarding existing regulations, as requested by Commissioner Andrew Friedman at the meeting of March 4, 2014.

Fernando Rubio, Jr., Operations Chief
Hamlet Panosian, Assistant Operations Chief
Eric Barnes, Tax Collector Supervisor II

Revenue and Enforcement Division
Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector

Richard Tefank, Executive Director
Deputy City Attorney, Mark Lambert
Benjamin Jones, Detective III

Commission Investigation Division (CID) Enforcement Section
Los Angeles Police Commission
(14-1231)

Sayuj Panicker, Deputy County Counsel, joined by Fernando Rubio, Jr. Operations Chief and Hamlet Panosian, Assistant Operations Chief from the Office of the Treasurer and Tax Collector (TTC), provided information on existing tow truck reform regarding regulations and responded to questions posed by Commissioners.

The report highlighted Revenue and Taxation Code (R&TC) section 7233, which prohibits local jurisdictions from collecting a license tax from tow truck operators and Chapter 7.28 of the County Ordinance. The presenters clarified that the charges collected by the County were regulatory fees and not taxes. The County fees will not be collected if tow truck operators have provided an operating license for a city in Los Angeles County. If this is abided, the County can issue a business license to the tow truck company and the fee is waived.

During discussion, 1st Vice Chairperson Bob Archuleta, Commissioners Andrew Friedman and Rodrigo Guerra Jr. requested TTC report back at the June meeting to provide information regarding unsolicited tow trucks or "bandit" tow trucks, impound storage fees, and towed cars on private properties.

Mark Lambert, Deputy City Attorney and Detective Benjamin Jones provided a report on tow truck regulations as it relates to the City of Los Angeles and cities within Los Angeles County. He added that effective 2007, Section 225113B of the California Vehicle Code prohibits tow truck companies from soliciting business.

Detective Jones highlighted the following issues: weaknesses in permits and regulations, Los Angeles City stings operations, complaints on excessive impound charges, and unattached personal property.

Chairperson Mark Burman thanked the presenters for their informative presentations.

Following discussion, and by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

5. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (14-1840)

There were no matters to be presented for a future agenda.

Public Comment

6. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (14-1841)

There were no members of the public who addressed the Commission.

Adjournment

7. Adjournment for the meeting of May 6, 2014. (14-1842)

On motion of 1st Vice Chairperson Bob Archuleta, seconded by Commissioner Andrew Friedman, the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.